REMARKS

Claims 1-10, 12-59, 61-101 are pending, with claims 1, 41, 52-53, 84, and 95 being independent. Claim 52 has been amended. No new matter has been introduced.

Objection

The Office Action objects to the specification for referring to "a tangible computer readable medium." Claim 52 has been amended to now recite "a computer program stored on a computer readable storage medium." Applicants respectfully note that the specification is replete with references to such limitations including page 9. Accordingly, withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

Gross et al. Rejection

Claims 1-8, 11-22, 26-31, 34-45, 48-57, 60-68, 72-76, 78-88, and 91-101 are rejected under 35. U.S.C. 102(e) as being rejected by Gross et al. ("Gross"). This rejection is traversed.

Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*, receiving, from the host, a first result that includes a first argument and an identifier of a first web application. A second result is received from the host that includes a second argument that is different from the first argument, and an identifier of a second web application. The second web application differs from the first web application in function. The first result is displayed in a manner enabling the user to perceive, before selecting the first result, the first argument and the identifier of the first web application, and the second result is displayed in a manner enabling the user to perceive, before selecting the second result, the second argument and the identifier of the second web application. The user is enabled to select from among the first and second results.

Gross neither describes nor suggests first and second web applications, where the first web application differs from the second web application. As such, Gross fails to describe or suggest, "receiving, from the host, a second result that includes a second argument that is different from the first argument, and an identifier of a second web application, wherein the second web application differs from the first web application in function; and displaying the second result in a manner enabling the user to perceive, before selecting the second result, the second argument and the identifier of the second web application," as required by claim 1.

In attempting to establish that Gross meets these limitations, the Office Action first relies on paragraphs 0037 for disclosure of multiple applications (noting that that email, web search, and word documents are accessed). However, claim 1 requires "a first web application" and a "second web application" such that the second web application differs from the first web application in function. Gross may disclose searching a Microsoft Word document stored on the user's computer and interfacing with a database, but the Office Action itself recognizes that mere reference to these desktop applications does not disclose "a first web application" and a "second web application" such that the second web application differs from the first web application in function. See Office Action, page 2 ("Microsoft Explorer is used [0082]").

Gross does not in fact describe first and second web applications wherein the first and second applications differ such that the second web application differs from the first web application in function. Instead, Gross describes that a web browser is one application is used by the control bar application 302A shown in Fig. 3A. See Fig. 3A. Within Fig. 3A, there is a files tab 304A, an email tab 306A (currently selected), and a web tab 310A. All of these applications are part of the control bar 302A. See Paragraph 0096. Thus, the control pane 302A is NOT part of Internet Explorer (web tab 310A). Rather, the Internet Explorer application shown in tab 310A and referenced by the Office Action in [0082] is a merely a peer to the email application shown in tab 306A. Thus, the configuration of Internet Explorer shown in Gross as exemplified in Fig. 3A and described in [0082] and [0100] does not make the other applications shown in control pane 302A web applications. This understanding is reinforced by the architecture of the system shown in Fig. 1. In Fig. 1, the browser 106 is merely a peer to the email application and the local index engine. It is important to note that Fig. 1 does not describe or suggest any web applications. Since Gross fails to describe or suggest web application, Gross necessarily fails to describe or suggest "receiving, from the host, a second result that includes a second argument that is different from the first argument, and an identifier of a second web application, wherein the second web application differs from the first web application in function; and displaying the second result in a manner enabling the user to perceive, before selecting the second result, the

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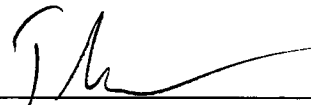Page : 27 of 27

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second argument and the identifier of the second web application," as required by claim 1 (emphasis added).

None of the secondary references that were applied describe or suggest these limitations. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1 and its dependent claims is respectfully requested. Independent claims 1, 41, 52-53, 84, and 95 recite similar limitations and are believed to be allowable for similar reasons. Accordingly, allowance of pending claims 1-10, 12-59, 61-101 is respectfully requested.

No other fees are believed to be due. However, please apply any charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

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